



March 31, 2014

Barry Ruklic-Team Leader
Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest
104 Airport Road
Grangeville, ID. 83530

RE: Hungry Ridge Restoration Project Scoping Comments.

Dear Mr. Ruklic:

The Lewis-Clark ATV Club would like to comment on the Hungry Ridge Restoration project. The Club is an ATV motorized club that believes in the tread lightly theme. We believe that motorized access is a compatible component of the Forest landscape. We believe in loop systems and trails that get us away from the main roads and large vehicle traffic. The county and many business's see the OHV potential for much needed funds. 36 C.F.R. & 221.3(a) (3) state that the F.S. is obligated to consider and provide for "community stability" (community stability is defined as a combination of local customs, culture and economic preservation. As described by the F.S.) in its decision making processes.

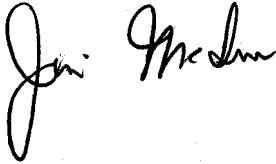
The Club would like to see a travel analysis of establishing a series of loop opportunities in the Project area. The community of Elk City is in need of economic opportunities. One opportunity would be to connect Elk City to the 309 road. The road is the major road that connects the South Fork of the Clearwater River to the Main Salmon River at Allison Creek. The old trail by the Gilmore Ranch and across Johns Creek is a great corridor to make this happen. A bridge could be built across Johns Creek and an analysis of what it would take to upgrade that trail to a 50 inch trail should be considered.

The travel analysis should include the evaluation of permanent and temporary roads that are in place and the ones that will be built. The evaluation should look at opening these roads to atv traffic and using the temporary roads for loops systems where appropriate. We realize that wildlife will be used as a way of keeping this area closed after the project is completed. We are willing to accept a slot time period to access this area. July 1 thru August 31 is an excellent time window.

The Club also is in favor of maximizing the amount of timber that can be extracted from the project. Hopefully buffer strips will not be used as an excuse to not harvest timber near the Wilderness boundaries.

In conclusion we support the project and look forward to be apprised of the projects progress.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim McIver". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jim" and last name "McIver" clearly distinguishable.

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